

### **REMARKS**

The Final Office Action mailed August 13, 2008 has been received and carefully noted. Claims 1-9 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration.

Claims 10-12 have been canceled herein. A listing of claims can be found on pages 2-5 of this Reply. A verified English translation of the priority document is submitted herewith to obtain the benefit of the priority date of October 22, 2002. This date precedes the dates of the references cited in the rejections of claims 1-9. Therefore, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record, and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be useful in moving the case forward, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-8300.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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